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## Denali Training Fund Final Report

Funds for this project are provided by the USDOL and the Denali Commission and managed, in partnership, by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Name of Organization: Alaska Energy Authority	
Name of Project: Energy Training	
Reporting Period: June 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009	
Contact Person: Monica Moore	
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Award Year: 2009	Award Number: 08-218
Original Amount Awarded: \$377,311.00 Final Expenditures: \$282,538.61	
Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.	
Signed by:	Dated

1. A. In a few sentences, please describe the initial scope of your project.

Provide training for staff working in bulk fuel tank farms and electric utilities in rural Alaska to help facilities keep sustainable and code compliant.

B. Did you modify the scope or the budget at any time during this project? If so, please explain.

The scope of this grant was changed to pay for a plane ticket for an individual from Nikolai to attend a special PCE Training sponsored by the North Slope Borough. The person that attended the training had not been hired at the time the annual PCE Utility Clerk training was held. Currently, Nikolai pays a contractor to prepare their PCE filings for submission to AEA and RCA. Training someone in the community eliminates the need to hire a contractor and the money can be used to fund a position in the community. This ultimately keeps those funds within the community.

In addition, the hydro training was held on site in Seward rather than Ouzinkie as originally planned. An arrangement was made to use a hydro site owned by the City of Seward.

Neither of these changes resulted in additional funds requested from the Denali Training Fund. The hydro training change actually resulted in less funds spent.

- 2. A. How many people did your original proposal intend to train? 121
  - B. How many people did you ultimately train? 96

Please attach a final list of participants, their community, certification and where they are employed.

See attached spreadsheet. All trainees completing the training received certificates of completion with the exception of the Itinerant Bulk Fuel attendees as this training is basically a follow-up as part of their initial Bulk Fuel Operator training.

C. If there is a variance between original and final, please explain.

The less than planned for final number for trainees is due to last minute cancellations and in-training expulsions for not abiding by AEA/AVTEC policies.

3. Please tell us about lesson(s) learned during this project.

It pays to overfill the classes to help minimize the impact that last minute cancellations have on the program. Since AEA's training program had less than anticipated attendees for FY09, overfilling to a higher margin will be done for future classes. In addition, a new policy is being considered to make each person that cancels pay for the expenses incurred up to the point of cancellation.

4. Please provide a minimum of one success story for this project.

A graduate of the FY09 Power Plant Operator training recently was promoted to the lead power plant operator position in Kake. Frank Hughes attended the eight week January class and credits his promotion to the training he received from AEA. In his words, "I look at graduation from power plant operator training as one of the more valued education opportunities I've had in many years." His

employer stated, "Our cooperative has benefited significantly from AEA's training program, it is a benefit to electric utilities statewide."

5. Please attach a few photos with descriptive captions.

Photos will be sent via separate email.